

Roads to Community Living (RCL)

Roads to Community Living (RCL) is a program designed for adults and children who want to move back into the community from qualifying institutions. RCL provides supports while the person is still in the institution and for one year after a move into the community. RCL team members are community transition experts and provide supports to people and their families who decide to make this move. After their RCL year, the person's support services are provided through a federal Home and Community Based waiver.



Eligibility

Project participants must be clients of DDA and live in a qualifying institutional setting for 90 consecutive days or longer. Qualifying facilities include the state Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC), Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), medical hospitals, Children's Long Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) residences, and skilled nursing facilities. Participants must be Medicaid eligible within 30 days of discharge and be moving to a community home with four or fewer unrelated residents.

Quality Assurance Oversight

- DDA Regional Quality Assurance/Improvement visits and reports are completed 3 times during the first year.
- The DDA RCL headquarters team follows the person's transition from the institution and through their first year in the community.

Stakeholders

- Clients
- Families
- DSHS' Home and Community Services Division
- Supported Living providers
- Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
- The Arc of Washington
- County human services

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Since the grant began in 2008, DDA Roads to Community Living staff have helped transform lives by supporting over 750 people successfully move from facilities to new lives in the community. Of those, 313 are from the state RHCs.